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## Mozart Opera March 12

Mozart's comic opera, *Abduction from the Seraglio*, will be presented Friday, March 12 at 8 p.m. at Greenfield High School, by the New England Chamber Opera Group through the auspices of Greenfield Community College.

The three act opera was first presented in Vienna on July 16, 1782 and had its American premier on February 16, 1860 at the German Opera House in Brooklyn, New York.

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The setting is sixteenth century Turkey where Constanza and Blonde have been taken to be sold into slavery to the Pasha after being kidnaped by pirates. They are finally rescued by Constanza's lover, Belmonte, after much intrigue and many ad-

ventures.

In writing the opera, Mozart used a compositional form, singspiel, a kind of early musical comedy then popular in Germany and Austria. The *Abduction* is the first important opera in the German language.

In Greenfield, however, it will be sung in English.

Speaking of the New England Chamber Opera Group, William Miranda of the Jewish Advocate wrote, "This company always seems to have an embarrassment of vocal riches... In spite of the crowd at the operatic summit in Boston, this little group seems to have earned its right to stand with them."

Greenfield Community College students, staff, and faculty will be admitted free. Tickets for the general public will be \$1.50

## Snag In BEOG Grants

"Approximately 50 per cent of the students at GCC receive some sort of financial aid" is Dean Clement Gainty's 'ball park' estimate. This being the case, there must have been many annoyed individuals when they received their spring semester tuition bill, with an added message: BEOG students will not be allowed to set up accounts in

the college bookstore using their grants.

The college received notification from the federal government this past October that BEOG grants could not be finalized until after the drop-add period, in an effort to prevent over-payments. Grant eligibility changes with the number of courses you drop and/or add, altering the amount of money that a student may receive. The college could be liable for these over-payments.

GCC encounters about 10 per cent of financial aid students who try to 'rip off' the government in some way and "we must regrettably play to that percentage" explained Gainty.

Because of the increasing potential for 'bad' accounts, the bookstore asked that the dean of students provide Financial Aid information supporting the credit of these students. The administration said they could not do this until enrollments were finalized after the "drop-add" period. So BEOG recipients had to wait until the second week of classes to buy books using their grants. And if you were one of those unfortunate people, now you know why.

## Senate Considers Calendar, Dean's List

By DAVID A. GEORGANTAS  
Several new issues have arisen at Greenfield Community College with which the Student Senate has concerned itself.

According to Scott Kirkpatrick, president of the Student Senate, a proposal for the 1976-77 academic calendar was submitted to the Administration. However, the proposal was turned down by Administration to be rewritten and resubmitted.

Kirkpatrick stated that an ad hoc committee, met with Dean of Students, Clement Gainty, in order to organize an academic calendar suitable for the 1976-77 academic year. The committee, consisting of three students and three faculty members, whose purpose is to resolve any current issues that arise, released the following schedule: Faculty will

report September 1; registration - September 2, 3, and 7 (late registration); classes begin September 8; classes end December 23rd; allowances have been made for the scheduled vacations. Classes would then resume January 24th and the semester would end sometime in May.

The proposed calendar would allow for classes to begin after Labor Day and end before Christmas, creating an intersession period of four weeks. The calendar offered by the ad hoc committee consists of a class period of 73 days, differing from the 75 day period requested by Administration.

The calendar was submitted by the ad hoc committee at a meeting with Jacob B. Padgug, Dean of Faculty, and President Lewis O. Turner, who rejected

the proposal and instructed the ad hoc committee to revise the calendar to conform to a 75 day schedule. Administration feels that the time span between September 8 and December 23 is too short; the student senate feels that their proposal is a fair compromise which would result in a contented student body and faculty. Kirkpatrick stated that if the instructors are willing to teach that amount of time and students are willing to receive their education, then there is no apparent reason for a continued conflict.

The Senate is also engaged in forming a committee for faculty evaluation. The committee will consist of interested students, and the senate will consider ideas and suggestions the students may have. Further plans of this evaluation will be announced by the Student Senate.

"The state budget cut", Kirkpatrick continued, "is still a vitally important issue concerning both the administration and the student body." Senate members George Tobin and Al Brunette will issue an informative letter concerning the budget cut and its direct effect on Greenfield Community College. This letter will be available to all students to read and sign before it is sent to appropriate state legislators. According to Kirkpatrick, a petition concerning the budget cut was taken to the State House in Boston at the beginning of the academic year. In Kirkpatrick's estimation, the outcome of this letter has proved favorable and he feels that this new letter will also produce a different scope of vision in respect to Greenfield Community College.

Three new clubs were also introduced by the senate: the Chess club, Law Club, and the Bahai'i Club, a non-denominational religious club. Although membership has been substantial, new members and any interested students are welcome.

"The Student Senate is a facility for students to relay their thoughts to faculty and administration", stated Kirkpatrick. However, Kirkpatrick also emphasized that student input has a lot to be desired. Without the response and feedback from the student body, the purpose of the student senate is lost. Kirkpatrick is optimistic about the outcome of Student Senate Day; he feels a lot will be accomplished regarding senate-student body relations.

"We have the power to recommend and impose any new idea we or the student body may have. All of our proposals are welcomed by the Administration and taken into consideration. We would like to see more involvement on the part of the student body."

Kirkpatrick would especially like to receive response from students concerning the academic requirements for the Dean's List. He welcomes any faculty or student body member to discuss this issue with him, and possibly offer a reprimand to Administration.

## Dean's List Subject of Debate

By BRUCE ALBERT

There has been much controversy over the recent change in Dean's List policy. Students feel the change in the grade point average requirement from 3.0 to 3.5 is unfair. Everyone wants to know, "What is Dean Padgug trying to prove?"

To clear the air of rumor and open fair debate, I decided to interview Dean of Faculty Jacob B. Padgug. To begin: Dean Padgug said, "I am not concerned with any other college but Greenfield. It is Greenfield's standards which I must maintain." The Dean contends that in the spring semester of 1975, twenty-one per cent of the students received A's, thirty-five per cent B's and twenty-two and one-half per cent C's. Numerically, this means the average grade is no longer C but B.

The Dean's List should be the honorary achievement with a "distinctly small minority of the student body as members," says Padgug. The Dean believes that if the Dean's list becomes a mob scene, it has lost its honorary distinction. If the new Dean's List policy went into effect last semester, which it hasn't, only 100 students would be members. There are now 300 students on the Dean's List.

How important are all these numbers and grade point averages? How valuable is the Dean's List? President Turner takes a less forceful view than Dean Padgug. The President and I spoke informally for about twenty minutes. We discussed the apathy of the school, the purpose of education, and the Dean's List. I think it would be fair to sum up his feelings about the Dean's List by quoting Clark Kerr, the former president of the University of California:

"I find the three major administrative problems on a campus are sex for the students, athletics for the alumni, and parking for the faculty."

Perhaps Turner would omit "athletics for the alumni," and include the Dean's List.

MEMO FROM DEAN PADGUG  
It has recently come to my attention that a change in policy

concerning the criteria for inclusion on the Dean's List was not effectively communicated to the college community. As a result of the last minute confusion which accompanied the opening of school last September, the communication of the new Dean's List Policy somehow was lost in the shuffle. I regret the inconvenience and, in particular, the disappointment felt by students who were eligible under the old policy. In fairness, under the circumstances, it seems appropriate to defer the effective date of the new policy. Therefore, upon my recommendation and with the approval of President Turner, the effective date of the new policy is February 2, 1976 (instead of September 1, 1975); and this new policy will be used in the determination of the Dean's List for the current semester (Spring 1975-76).

The new policy reads as follows: "Inclusion on the Dean's List requires a G.P.A. for the semester of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Only full-time students carrying a

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## Toboggan Club Takes Third At Meet

By GREG GERARDE

Sunday, February 15, the Greenfield Community College toboggan team took part in the annual North American Toboggan Races and came away with one third place trophy.

Kerry Loftus, Brenda Ryan and Debbie Cowles piloted their sled to third place as the sloppy conditions caused slow progress for most of the forty sleds entered in the Mayor's Race at Lake Placid, New York.

With some of the more experienced team members quitting the team due to front office difficulties, the 1976 team came away with a second place finish in the same race.

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## CORRECTION

Subsequent to the publication of the article "Round Two At Dance" in the February 12th issue of The Forum, it was learned that the story was apparently not based on factual information. The story then, as it appeared in The Forum, should not serve as the basis of judgment or culpability regarding any of the persons named in the story.

The Forum sincerely regrets the unfortunate publication of this material and offers its sincere apologies to any who may have been wrongly accused or misunderstood as a result of the publishing of the story.



# The Forum

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## The Need For Patience

Sometimes there seems as if there are two Greenfield Community Colleges: there is the college of policies and procedures, of paper flow and official channels; then there is the college of trying to get the job done as best we can with what tools we have. Since all of us live and work in both of these colleges, the two should be in correspondence. But sometimes they are not.

This kind of bureaucratic schizophrenia exists in every institution and business. It is certainly well known to those who have been in the military.

The question is not so much the elimination of ambiguity as learning how to live with it.

Effective communication is the obvious answer. We need better communications. Every husband and wife have said this to each other. So too, every parent and child.

But effective communication does not consist of better memoranda, more frequent newsletters, or fancier house organs. Effective communication depends primarily on effective community. And the basis of effective community is humanism. The right thing to do is the human thing to do. Easy to say; hard to figure out.

The unique element in human nature is the ability to elect patience as a human response to frustration. We are all going to foul up and fall short of each other's expectations. That is life. But the fouling up and the falling short need not be the cause of outrage if we develop the habit of patience — patience with others, with ourselves, with the college.

A.W.S.

## Never Never Land . . . .

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sense of direction  
the ride  
on the tracks of the roller-coaster  
of our minds  
to the conquest  
of one-ness  
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only once  
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you  
Never again to occur  
that trip to never-never land?  
except when the darkness  
falls  
around my mind and conceals  
thoughts of who  
took me on that everlasting ride  
that stopped so suddenly in  
the land of beauty, pleasure and pain  
the land that only is in dream.  
To go and buy another ticket  
and ride the tracks again . . . . .

Nancy Worley  
Jan. 11, 1976

## Dean's List

program of at least twelve (12) credits over and above any credit-no credit course option are eligible."

Students eligible under the new policy have been notified of their inclusion on the Dean's List. An addendum to the fall semester Dean's List will be compiled to include those students who were eligible under the old policy, which reads as follows:

"Inclusion on the Dean's List requires a G.P.A. for the semester of at least 3.00, with no grade lower than C. Only full-time students — those carrying a program of at least twelve (12) credits — are eligible."

The students who satisfy the above criteria, and who earned a G.P.A. between 3.00 and 3.49 for the Fall 1975-76 semester, will be notified by mail of their inclusion on the updated Dean's List.

## The Big Bands; The Big Music

By DAVID GEORGANTAS

"Ain't got the change of a nickel,  
ain't got no bounce in my shoes

Ain't got no fancy to tickle,  
I ain't got nothin' but the blues."

The incomparable sound of the Big Band era; an era of prosperity and goodwill, national unity and reciprocity. Soft, smooth, and sophisticated; the musical style was distinctly unique. The mellow sound of the trombone, incorporated with the easy-flowing tones of the clarinet and trumpet, blended together to produce an ear of music that has yet to be matched.

The composers were of a rare breed; they managed to retain their own explicit style, but, yet, they could be as versatile as they were individual. Indeed, the composers of this era could easily take their respective positions beside the great musical masters of time.

Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, the immortal Duke Ellington; all musical masterminds in their own right, they contributed to the world a musical repertoire that has sent many a music lover on an ecstatic flight. The rapture of the blues, the excitement of the swing, the serenity of the ballads; here existed the composers that could set many a heart aflame, transform the blues into a living experience, and brought the Jitterbug, the Swing, and the Big Apple to life on the dance floor.

The Big Bands are back; they have been long overdue.

In their recent album, Steppin', the Pointer Sisters pay tribute to the late Duke Ellington. Through their renditions of such great

Ellingtonian classics as Ain't Got Nothin' but the Blues, Mood Indigo, I Got It Bad (and that ain't good), Rocks In My Bed, and Satin Doll, the Pointer Sisters re-capture the phenomenal sound that made Duke Ellington one of the most brilliant composers that this country and the world has ever known; Ellington has become a priceless commodity in the musical industry. No other artist has achieved the international recognition in the musical field as Ellington has.

Ellington often compared his music to that of food in a restaurant; "no matter how often a person eats in a fancy restaurant, he always comes back to that soul food." His philosophy reflected his warm and congenial personality as well as his knowledge of music.

Ellington's creative ability at the keyboard allowed him to compose a song at the touch of a note; by hitting any one of the ivories, he could instantly transform his orchestra into a full swing or mellow it down to a soft melodious ballad.

His creativity was extensive in his work with harmonic interpretations; Ellington accomplished what many of the Big Band leaders had previously attempted — to develop a style of harmony which had never before been used in jazz. Ellington perfected the capability of producing any number of instrumental sounds by arranging his compositions around distinctive harmonies which were played by the many different sections of his orchestra. For example, his brass section could produce the sounds of a piano, and the clarinet, which often played the lead, was used to harmonize with the trumpet and trombone sections, producing the sound that made the Big Band era what it was. Ellington was one of the original composers and orchestra leaders who retained the sound of the clarinet as lead instrument. This totally unprecedented sound that Ellington created was soothing to the ear,

much more so than that sound produced by a trumpet lead; smooth and mellow, this new sound harmonized gracefully with the orchestral ensembles he composed.

The Pointer Sisters is just one of the many groups that has brought back the sound and style of the Big Band era. The Ritchie Family offer their Latin-rock versions of "Brazil and Peanut Vendor", tunes which originally enhanced the Latin influence in the Big Band sound; Bette Midler, bringing back the unforgettable sound of Patty, LaVerne, and Maxine — the Andrews Sisters, with Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy and In the Mood, a Glenn Miller classic. Barry Manilow, definitely the most dynamic young composer to emanate within the past five years, offers his rendition of Count Basie's Avenue C. The soulful strain of the Big Bands is prominent in Operator, a musical endeavor creatively executed by the Manhattan Transfer, a relatively new group concentrating its efforts on the famed bebop sound of the 1940's.

Duke Ellington was once quoted as saying, "If it's bad, sing the blues; if the going is good, clap hands!"

America is once again applauding for the Big Bands.

## Democrats To Organize

By MIKE HMILESKI

Democratic presidential candidate Sargent Shriver will visit Greenfield Community College, Friday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m. in FSM N253 to speak with and answer questions of students, faculty, and staff.

A campus democratic committee will hold an organizational meeting after Shriver's visit, with Peter Freisem a Greenfield Community College sophomore. Freisem has been active in local, state, and national politics in the Valley for several years. Freisem is hoping the appearance of Shriver will encourage a large turnout of students to participate, helping the committee become an effective organization.

Freisem also says that any students who would like further information about the committee or membership on it should contact him through the Student Activities office.

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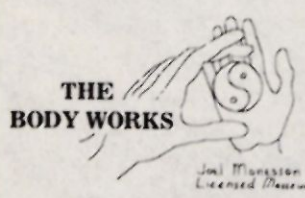
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## Student Personnel Notices

Students are reminded that if they wish to drop a class without an appearance on their record, they must do so by February 27. Students then have until March 22 to withdraw and receive a "W" on their file. If you have any questions on this matter, see your advisor.

Deadline dates for applying for transfer to four year colleges are rapidly approaching — some are as early as March 1, most are

around April 1. Applications to the University of Massachusetts must be turned in to the Student Personnel Office this week.

Did you know that notices of available jobs are posted in the Student Personnel Office? This includes part-time, full-time, and summer jobs. If you will be looking for full time work after graduation, you are strongly urged to register early with the placement office.

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## "You're A Good Woman, Ellie Stebbins!"

By CINDY NEWMAN

The history of Greenfield Community College can easily be told through one woman's experiences. Mrs. Eleanor Stebbins has worked for the college since it opened in 1962. Her first duties consisted of running the bookstore single-handedly. She recalls, "There were only 131 students here then. The first day I took in over \$5,000 with only a cigar box for a cash register."

Through the years she has worked in Student Personnel, as secretary to the Dean of Students, secretary to the Director of Admissions, secretary to the Assistant to the President, and anywhere else she was needed. She started her present job as secretary to the humanities division in 1971.

But Ellie's best known contribution to Greenfield Community College is student housing. She started this service in 1964 while working in Student Personnel. Many students came in looking for housing information and Ellie recognized the need for assistance of this type. Starting from scratch, she called people she knew to ask if they had vacant rooms in their homes they would consider renting. An article in the Recorder



telling of her attempts generated 72 phone calls in one day. Ever since then, the housing service has grown. Ellie estimates that presently she finds housing for about 500 students a year. That is, she did until recently.

Ellie was notified a couple weeks ago that the student housing duties which she initiated were being transferred to Student Activities. Dean Gainty explained, "Housing is the responsibility of the Dean of Students, delegated to Student Activities. Since housing information is critical to a certain

percentage of the students, it is important that we continue to provide that information. In the interest of providing a service that is in keeping with the laws of Massachusetts and the regulations of the Regional Board of Community Colleges, I feel that it is important that the housing be located in the office of Student Activities. Several hundred students and I are deeply grateful to Ellie for her unselfish dedication to this service. However, housing has now reached a level of demand and complexity that it should be taken over by the Dean of Students."

Upon hearing this news, Ellie experienced mixed emotions. She said she felt sad at giving it up, but was glad she had helped some people and made lots of friends. Although she has never gotten paid for organizing and running the housing service, Ellie loved doing it. She called it her hobby, confiding "I just did the same as I would like someone to do for my children if they were away at school."

She does have many other things to keep her busy. A grandmother of three, Ellie also finds time to sell Amway products and works nights for her husband's insurance business. She is also a member of the Women's Business and Professional Association.

In retrospect, I can only say, "You're a good woman Ellie Stebbins. And the students of Greenfield Community College who benefited from your service thank you."

## Student Lobby Organizes

A newsletter is being published by the Massachusetts Student Lobby in order to inform the student body and general public of the Lobby's existence, policies, and procedures.

According to Joy Kremetz, executive director of MSL, it is imperative that a student lobby exist in order to report coverage of student concerns to the state legislature and other associated committees. Ms. Kremetz emphasizes that student representatives are answerable to their constituents concerning the protection of individual campus rights and interests, and larger legislative concerns.

The object of the MSL is to organize students into one political force, for the protection of immediate interests concerning the students. The MSL is at

this moment facing numerous issues pertaining to the student population of Massachusetts. Such areas of concern are: increased loans, additional scholarship and grant aid, extended rent control benefits, exemption from the meals tax, and the investigation of the proposed U-Mass-State College merger.

The economic situation in New England is very poor for most kinds of jobs. If you'll be job hunting be prepared to put a lot of time and effort into your job search, and think about whether you're willing to relocate if necessary. Contact the Placement Office if you need help.

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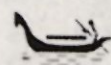
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## Sports Round-Up

### By GREG GERARDE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

On February 7 the women's basketball team finally had the clock on their side as they beat Mt. Wachusett C.C. 59-54 for their third league win.

The game was won by balanced scoring as four players hit in double figures. Julie Brockelman was high scorer for the Barons with 15 points followed by Barb Gervais hitting for 14, Kathy Clark putting up 12 points and Jayne Giguere helping with 12 to give G.C.C. a 3-5 record.

Again balanced scoring won for G.C.C. as they beat North Adams on February 9, 40-42 to raise their record closer to 500 at 4-5.

Julie Brockelman again hit for 15 as she has scored 76 points in her last five games. Barb Gervais continued the scoring by adding 13 followed by Kathy Clark's 9 and Holly McManney's 8 points.

A home game with league leader, Holyoke C.C. again saw the Red Barons raise their record to 5-5 with some good defense crushing Holyoke 58-42. Leading by 14 points at the half, G.C.C. kept up the pressure to win the game by 16 and three wins in a row.

Donna Tudryn's 15 points paced the Red Barons attack as Julie Brockelman and Kathy Clark hit for 13 and 9 points to round out the scoring.

G.C.C. women also have three league games remaining on the 1975-1976 schedule.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

After some excellent basketball against Quinsigamond C.C. with G.C.C. winning 91-73, the Red Barons fell victim to an undefeated North Adams team 85-78.

The game was close near the

last basket but the aggressive G.C.C. press, which got them into the game, fell short. With 1:30 left in the game, G.C.C. cut the deficit to one point but then lost the press and the game by seven. Brian Dee and Bob Robillard led G.C.C. with 20 points each followed by Scott Finch with 15 and Steve Wood hitting for 12.

On February 7 G.C.C. played the always tough Mt. Wachusett C.C. and came away with a win, belting them 102-77. This was a big win for G.C.C. as they lost previously to the same team on December 3 100-87 and scored 100 points for the first time this season.

Hot shooting and a stingy defense helped G.C.C. to their fourth victory as they connected on 35 of 75 shots from the floor and hit for 30 free throws to break the game open early as they led 51-32 at the half. The continued offense in the second half gave

the Barons the win as they had three starters in double figures. Bob Robillard finished with a season high of 29 points. Brian Dee netted 23 points and Scott Finch hit for 17 points and hauled down 22 rebounds.

On February 11 G.C.C. hosted Holyoke C.C. and came up short as they lost a close game 87-84.

The Barons found themselves ten points down at the half 42-32 but battled back to one point only to lose by three as they scored 52 points in the second half for their 84 total points.

G.C.C. had four players in the double figures with Brian Dee hitting for 21 points with ten field goals and Bob Robillard getting 30 points as he continues to produce an offense with 79 points in three games. Scott Finch added 12 to go with his strong board work, Mike Zewski had 10 points as G.C.C. again got balanced scoring.

On Saturday, February 14 a game between Springfield Technical C.C. and Greenfield was forfeited to the Barons with a lack of players on the Springfield Tech. behalf.

On Saturday, February 14 a game between Springfield Technical C. C. and Greenfield was forfeited to the Barons with a lack of players on the Springfield Tech. behalf.

This leaves G.C.C. with a 5-6 record with only three games remaining for the season which ends on February 25.

### Toboggan

office difficulties, the 1976 team lacked experience and organization. The 1975 team came away with a second place finish and won a second place trophy in the three man event.

The toboggan team is still popular at GCC but money and club dissension caused the club to get off late and resulted in their difficulties at Lake Placid.

Rain, which caused havoc at the races, did not stop teams from Glens Falls, New York and Demarest, New Jersey from domination of this year's races as they swept all the trophies in the Mayor's Cup Race and in the two and three man race.

The team works hard each year as they prepare for the races, as early as October, working on the sleds and raising their own funds for expenses which can run into thousands of dollars. The teams in the future should be supported by monies from the athletic budget because the Toboggan Team is a sport which represents the school in intercollegiate competition.

The team will compete in the Collegiate Invitational Races on February 28 at Lake Placid, New York. Dave Johnson, who runs the teams says, "GCC is the team to beat this year."

GCC won first and second place trophies last year at the college races and also won the overall trophy for their excellent showing.

Good luck to all persons on the team as they strive to victory at Lake Placid.

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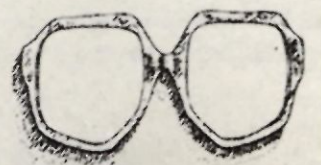
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